(b) whether a National Policy has been formulated or is proposed to be formulated, to transform them into an asset; if so, what are its salient features; and

(c) the details of agencies engaged or proposed to be engaged for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) According to the Planning Commission's population projections as on 1.3.2000, adolescents in the age group of 10-19 years account for 22.8% of the country's population (about 230 million).

(b) and (c)The Planning Commission constituted a Working Group to examine the entire gamut of issue covering the adolescents. The Working Group brought out a Report which can broadly be regarded as a National Policy Document on Adolescents. The Report of the Working Group has been accepted by the Planning Commission. The Working Group *inter-alia,* recommended that the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports be designated as Nodal Ministry for adolescents and should formulate a Scheme for the development and empowerment of this segment of the population. In pursuance thereof, this Ministry has formulated a "Scheme of Financial Assistance for the Development and Empowerment of Adolescents" to be implemented during the Tenth Five Year Plan. The Scheme is being placed before the Expenditure Finance Committee for approval.

Revenue and expenses of BCCI

2512. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount earned by the BCCI during the last three financial years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the revenue earned is not properly utilised for development of cricket;

(c) the total expenses incurred by the Board on each plan, by way of perks and allowances; and

(d) the payment made by the Board to various Cricket Associations, while conducting international matches?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

National Sports Development Fund

2513. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had created National Sports Development Fund, for mobilising resources from Government and Non-Government agencies, for promotion of sports and games in the country;

(b) if so, the total amount received in the Fund, and the details of Funds utilised for developing sports in the country, so far; and

(c) the total amount available at present in the Fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c)'Initially, the Government contributed an amount of Rs. 200 lakhs during 1998-99, as seed money to the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF). Subsequently, contributions amounting to Rs. 161.60 lakhs have been received from other sources and equivalent amount has been donated by the Government on matching contribution, the amount received in the NSDF is invested in fixed deposits. At present, there are FDs of Rs. 5,91,64,796/- with maturity value of Rs. 6,38,63,825/-. Apart from this an amount of Rs. 3,24,341 /- is in current account of NSDF.

From NSDF, following assistance has been sanctioned/released.

Name of sportsperson assisted	Amount sanctioned	Amount released
1. Sh. Abhinav Bindra, Shooter	Rs. 20 lakhs	Rs. 15 lakhs
2. Sh. Anil Kumar, Athlete	Rs. 10 lakhs	__